UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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Re: <u>Beth O. Scott v. Life Insurance Company of North America</u> Case No. WMN-03-CV-524

Dear Counsel:

I received the parties' most recent status reports. With respect to the dispute regarding discovery in this case, it appears to the Court that no discovery is appropriate in this case because the Court's review in this matter will be limited to the existing administrative record. If Plaintiff has additional authority showing that discovery is appropriate, she may, within the next fourteen days, brief the Court on this issue. Defendant will then have ten days to respond.

Although this letter is informal in nature, it is an order of the Court and shall be docketed as such.

Very truly yours,

/s/
William M. Nickerson
Senior United States District Judge

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cc: Court file